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The Honorable John L. McClellan
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In response to your request I have again reviewed the question of disclosure of the individual budget figures for the various departments and agencies within the intelligence community as well as the release of the total figure for the intelligence community.

I still feel, as I stated in my letter of 27 July 1973 to you on this subject (copy enclosed), that disclosure of these figures would establish a precedent for further disclosures and debate which would reveal information about our intelligence effort which would not be in the national interest.

I am aware of the recommendation recently made by the Special Committee to Study Investigations Related to Secret and Confidential Documents (Senate Report 93-466) on this subject. I would have no objection to your advising the co-chairmen of that Committee of the breakdown of figures for the intelligence community orally on a classified basis, as suggested in my earlier letter.

Sincerely,

/s/ W. E. Colby

W. E. Colby
Director

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